House Study Bill 637 - Introduced

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	HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the redesign of mental health and
- 2 disabilities services administered by regions comprised of
- 3 counties.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 135.180, subsection 3, Code 2014, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3. The program shall provide stipends to support
- 4 psychiatrist positions with an emphasis on securing and
- 5 retaining medical directors at community mental health centers,
- 6 providers of mental health services to county residents
- 7 pursuant to a waiver approved under section 225C.7, subsection
- 8 3, and hospital psychiatric units that are located in mental
- 9 health professional shortage areas.
- 10 Sec. 2. Section 222.2, subsection 3, Code 2014, is amended
- 11 by striking the subsection.
- 12 Sec. 3. Section 222.2, Code 2014, is amended by adding the
- 13 following new subsections:
- 14 NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. "Mental health and disability services
- 15 region" means a mental health and disability services region
- 16 formed in accordance with section 331.389.
- 17 NEW SUBSECTION. 5B. "Regional administrator" means the
- 18 regional administrator of a mental health and disabilities
- 19 services region, as defined in section 331.388.
- 20 Sec. 4. Section 222.6, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 21 follows:
- 22 222.6 State districts.
- 23 The administrator shall divide the state into two districts
- 24 in such manner that one of the resource centers shall be
- 25 located within each of the districts. Such districts may
- 26 from time to time be changed. After such districts have been
- 27 established, the administrator shall notify all boards of
- 28 supervisors, regional administrators of the mental health and
- 29 disability services regions, county auditors, and clerks of
- 30 the district courts of the action. Thereafter, unless the
- 31 administrator otherwise orders, all admissions or commitments
- 32 of persons with an intellectual disability from a district
- 33 shall be to the resource center located within such district.
- 34 Sec. 5. Section 222.12, subsection 2, Code 2014, is amended
- 35 to read as follows:

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- Notice of the death of the patient, and the cause
- 2 of death, shall be sent to the county board of supervisors
- 3 regional administrator of the mental health and disability
- 4 services region of the patient's county of residence and to
- 5 the judge of the court that had jurisdiction over a committed
- 6 patient. The fact of death with the time, place, and alleged
- 7 cause shall be entered upon the docket of the court.
- 8 Sec. 6. Section 222.13, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 9 follows:
- 10 222.13 Voluntary admissions.
- 11 1. If an adult person is believed to be a person with
- 12 an intellectual disability, the adult person or the adult
- 13 person's guardian may submit a request in writing through the
- 14 central point of coordination process for the county board of
- 15 supervisors of regional administrator of the mental health and
- 16 disability services region for the adult person's county of
- 17 residence to apply to the superintendent of any state resource
- 18 center for the voluntary admission of the adult person either
- 19 as an inpatient or an outpatient of the resource center. The
- 20 board of supervisors regional administrator shall, on forms
- 21 prescribed by the department's administrator, apply to the
- 22 superintendent of the resource center in the district for
- 23 the admission of the adult person to the resource center.
- 24 An application for admission to a special unit of any adult
- 25 person believed to be in need of any of the services provided
- 26 by the special unit under section 222.88 may be made in the
- 27 same manner, upon request of the adult person or the adult
- 28 person's quardian. The superintendent shall accept the
- 29 application if a preadmission diagnostic evaluation, performed
- 30 authorized through the central point of coordination process
- 31 regional administrator, confirms or establishes the need for
- 32 admission, except that an application shall not be accepted if
- 33 the institution does not have adequate facilities available or
- 34 if the acceptance will result in an overcrowded condition.
- 35 2. If the resource center has no does not have an

1 appropriate program for the treatment of an adult or minor

- 2 person with an intellectual disability applying under this
- 3 section or section 222.13A, the board of supervisors regional
- 4 administrator shall arrange for the placement of the person in
- 5 any public or private facility within or without the state,
- 6 approved by the director of the department of human services,
- 7 which offers appropriate services for the person, as determined
- 8 through the central point of coordination process by the
- 9 regional administrator.
- 3. Upon applying for admission of an adult or minor person 10 11 to a resource center, or a special unit, or upon arranging for 12 the placement of the person in a public or private facility, 13 the board of supervisors regional administrator shall make a 14 full investigation into the financial circumstances of that 15 person and those liable for that person's support under section 16 222.78 to determine whether or not any of them are able to 17 pay the expenses arising out of the admission of the person
- 18 to a resource center, special treatment unit, or public or
- 19 private facility. If the board regional administrator finds
- 20 that the person or those legally responsible for the person
- 21 are presently unable to pay the expenses, the board regional
- 22 administrator shall direct that authorize the expenses to be
- 23 paid by the county region. The board regional administrator
- 24 may review its finding at any subsequent time while the person
- 25 remains at the resource center, or is otherwise receiving care
- 26 or treatment for which this chapter obligates the county region
- 27 to pay. If the board regional administrator finds upon review
- 28 that the person or those legally responsible for the person
- 29 are presently able to pay the expenses, the finding shall
- 30 apply only to the charges incurred during the period beginning
- 31 on the date of the review and continuing thereafter, unless
- 32 and until the board regional administrator again changes its
- 33 finding. If the board regional administrator finds that the
- 34 person or those legally responsible for the person are able
- 35 to pay the expenses, the board regional administrator shall

1 direct that the charges be so paid to the extent required by

- 2 section 222.78, and the county auditor of the person's county
- 3 of residence shall be responsible for the collection of the
- 4 charges.
- 5 Sec. 7. Section 222.13A, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 6 follows:
- 7 222.13A Voluntary admissions minors.
- 8 l. If a minor is believed to be a person with an
- 9 intellectual disability, the minor's parent, guardian,
- 10 or custodian may request the county board of supervisors
- ll regional administrator for the minor's county of residence
- 12 to apply for admission of the minor as a voluntary patient
- 13 in a state resource center. If the resource center does
- 14 not have appropriate services for the minor's treatment, the
- 15 board of supervisors regional administrator may arrange for
- 16 the admission of the minor in a public or private facility
- 17 within or without the state, approved by the director of human
- 18 services, which offers appropriate services for the minor's
- 19 treatment.
- 20 2. Upon receipt of an application for voluntary admission
- 21 of a minor, the board of supervisors regional administrator
- 22 shall provide for a preadmission diagnostic evaluation of the
- 23 minor to confirm or establish the need for the admission. The
- 24 preadmission diagnostic evaluation shall be performed by a
- 25 person who meets the qualifications of a qualified intellectual
- 26 disability professional who is designated through the central
- 27 point of coordination process by the regional administrator.
- 28 3. During the preadmission diagnostic evaluation, the
- 29 minor shall be informed both orally and in writing that the
- 30 minor has the right to object to the voluntary admission. If
- 31 the preadmission diagnostic evaluation determines that the
- 32 voluntary admission is appropriate but the minor objects to
- 33 the admission, the minor shall not be admitted to the state
- 34 resource center unless the court approves of the admission. A
- 35 petition for approval of the minor's admission may be submitted

- 1 to the juvenile court by the minor's parent, guardian, or 2 custodian.
- 3 4. As soon as practicable after the filing of a petition for
- 4 approval of the voluntary admission, the court shall determine
- 5 whether the minor has an attorney to represent the minor in the
- 6 proceeding. If the minor does not have an attorney, the court
- 7 shall assign to the minor an attorney. If the minor is unable
- 8 to pay for an attorney, the attorney shall be compensated by
- 9 the county at an hourly rate to be established by the county
- 10 board of supervisors regional administrator in substantially
- 11 the same manner as provided in section 815.7.
- 12 5. The court shall order the admission of a minor who
- 13 objects to the admission, only after a hearing in which it
- 14 is shown by clear and convincing evidence that both of the
- 15 following circumstances exist:
- 16 a. The minor needs and will substantially benefit from
- 17 treatment or habilitation.
- 18 b. A placement which involves less restriction of the
- 19 minor's liberties for the purposes of treatment or habilitation
- 20 is not feasible.
- 21 Sec. 8. Section 222.14, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 22 follows:
- 23 222.14 Care by county region pending admission.
- 24 If the institution is unable to receive a patient, the
- 25 superintendent shall notify the county board of supervisors
- 26 of regional administrator for the county from which the
- 27 application in behalf of the prospective patient was made of
- 28 the time when such person may be received. Until such time as
- 29 the patient is able to be received by the institution, or when
- 30 application has been made for admission to a public or private
- 31 facility as provided in section 222.13 and the application is
- 32 pending, the care of said person the patient shall be provided
- 33 as arranged by the county board of supervisors regional
- 34 administrator.
- 35 Sec. 9. Section 222.22, Code 2014, is amended to read as

- 1 follows:
- 2 222.22 Time of appearance.
- 3 The time of appearance shall not be less than five days
- 4 after completed service unless the court orders otherwise.
- 5 Appearance on behalf of the person who is alleged to have
- 6 an intellectual disability may be made by any citizen of the
- 7 county or by any relative. The district court shall assign
- 8 counsel for the person who is alleged to have an intellectual
- 9 disability. Counsel shall prior to proceedings personally
- 10 consult with the person who is alleged to have an intellectual
- 11 disability unless the judge appointing counsel certifies that
- 12 in the judge's opinion, consultation shall serve no useful
- 13 purpose. The certification shall be made a part of the record.
- 14 An attorney assigned by the court shall be compensated by the
- 15 county at an hourly rate to be established by the county board
- 16 of supervisors regional administrator for the person's county
- 17 of residence in substantially the same manner as provided in
- 18 section 815.7.
- 19 Sec. 10. Section 222.28, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 20 follows:
- 21 222.28 Commission to examine.
- 22 The court may, at or prior to the final hearing, appoint
- 23 a commission of one qualified physician and one qualified
- 24 psychologist, designated through the central point of
- 25 coordination process by the regional administrator for the
- 26 person's county of residence, who shall make a personal
- 27 examination of the person alleged to have an intellectual
- 28 disability for the purpose of determining the mental condition
- 29 of the person.
- 30 Sec. 11. Section 222.31, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
- 31 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 32 b. (1) Commit the person to the state resource center
- 33 designated by the administrator to serve the county mental
- 34 health and disability services region in which the hearing
- 35 is being held, or to a special unit. The court shall, prior

1 to issuing an order of commitment, request that a diagnostic

- 2 evaluation of the person be made by a person qualified to
- 3 perform the diagnostic evaluation. The cost of the evaluation
- 4 shall be defrayed by the committed person's county of
- 5 residence unless otherwise ordered by the court. The cost
- 6 of the evaluation to be charged may be equal to but shall
- 7 not exceed the actual cost of the evaluation. An order of
- 8 commitment shall not be issued unless the superintendent of the
- 9 institution recommends that the order be issued and advises the
- 10 court that adequate facilities for the care of the person are
- ll available.
- 12 (2) The court shall examine the report of the county
- 13 attorney filed pursuant to section 222.13, and if the report
- 14 shows that neither the person nor those liable for the person's
- 15 support under section 222.78 are presently able to pay the
- 16 charges rising out of the person's care in a resource center,
- 17 or special treatment unit, shall enter an order stating that
- 18 finding and directing that the charges be paid by the regional
- 19 administrator for the person's county of residence. The
- 20 court may, upon request of the board of supervisors regional
- 21 administrator, review its finding at any subsequent time while
- 22 the person remains at the resource center, or is otherwise
- 23 receiving care or treatment for which this chapter obligates
- 24 the county to pay. If the court finds upon review that
- 25 the person or those legally responsible for the person are
- 26 presently able to pay the expenses, that finding shall apply
- 27 only to the charges incurred during the period beginning on the
- 28 date of the board's regional administrator's request for the
- 29 review and continuing thereafter, unless and until the court
- 30 again changes its finding. If the court finds that the person,
- 31 or those liable for the person's support, are able to pay the
- 32 charges, the court shall enter an order directing that the
- 33 charges be so paid to the extent required by section 222.78.
- 34 Sec. 12. Section 222.59, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
- 35 1, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

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- 1 Upon receiving a request from an authorized requester, the
- 2 superintendent of a state resource center shall coordinate
- 3 with the central point of coordination process regional
- 4 administrator for the person's county of residence in assisting
- 5 the requester in identifying available community-based services
- 6 as an alternative to continued placement of a patient in the
- 7 state resource center. For the purposes of this section,
- 8 "authorized requester" means the parent, quardian, or custodian
- 9 of a minor patient, the guardian of an adult patient, or an
- 10 adult patient who does not have a guardian. The assistance
- 11 shall identify alternatives to continued placement which are
- 12 appropriate to the patient's needs and shall include but are
- 13 not limited to any of the following:
- 14 Sec. 13. Section 222.60, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
- 15 1, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 16 All necessary and legal expenses for the cost of admission
- 17 or commitment or for the treatment, training, instruction,
- 18 care, habilitation, support and transportation of persons with
- 19 an intellectual disability, as provided for in the county
- 20 applicable regional service system management plan provisions
- 21 implemented pursuant to section 331.439, subsection 1 331.393,
- 22 in a state resource center, or in a special unit, or any public
- 23 or private facility within or without the state, approved by
- 24 the director of human services, shall be paid by either:
- Sec. 14. Section 222.60, subsection 2, Code 2014, is amended
- 26 to read as follows:
- 27 2. a. Prior to a county of residence approving the payment
- 28 of expenses for a person under this section, the county may
- 29 require that the person be diagnosed to determine if the person
- 30 has an intellectual disability or that the person be evaluated
- 31 to determine the appropriate level of services required to meet
- 32 the person's needs relating to an intellectual disability. The
- 33 diagnosis and the evaluation may be performed concurrently and
- 34 shall be performed by an individual or individuals approved
- 35 by the regional administrator for the person's county who

- 1 are qualified to perform the diagnosis or the evaluation.
- 2 Following the initial approval for payment of expenses,
- 3 the county may require that an evaluation be performed at
- 4 reasonable time periods.
- 5 b. The cost of a county-required diagnosis and an evaluation
- 6 is at the county's expense. For a state case, the state
- 7 may apply the diagnosis and evaluation provisions of this
- 8 subsection at the state's expense.
- 9 c. A diagnosis or an evaluation under this section may be
- 10 part of a county's central point of coordination process under
- 11 section 331.440 diagnosis and assessment process implemented
- 12 by the applicable regional administrator, provided that a
- 13 diagnosis is performed only by an individual qualified as
- 14 provided in this section.
- Sec. 15. Section 222.61, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 16 follows:
- 17 222.61 Residency determined.
- 18 When a county receives an application on behalf of any
- 19 person for admission to a resource center or a special unit
- 20 or when a court issues an order committing any person to a
- 21 resource center or a special unit, the board of supervisors
- 22 shall refer the determination of residency to the central point
- 23 of coordination process regional administrator for the county
- 24 to determine and certify that the residence of the person is
- 25 in one of the following:
- 26 l. In the county in which the application is received or in
- 27 which the court is located.
- In some other county of the state.
- 29 3. In another state or in a foreign country.
- 30 4. Unknown.
- 31 Sec. 16. Section 222.62, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 32 follows:
- 33 222.62 Residency in another county.
- 34 When the board of supervisors determines through the central
- 35 point of coordination process regional administrator for the

- 1 county that the residency of the person is other than in the
- 2 county in which the application is received, the determination
- 3 shall be certified to the superintendent of the resource
- 4 center or the special unit where the person is a patient. The
- 5 certification shall be accompanied by a copy of the evidence
- 6 supporting the determination. The superintendent shall charge
- 7 the expenses already incurred and unadjusted, and all future
- 8 expenses of the patient, to the county certified to be the
- 9 county of residency.
- Sec. 17. Section 222.63, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 11 follows:
- 12 222.63 Finding of residency objection.
- 13 A board of supervisors' certification utilizing the
- 14 central point of coordination process through the regional
- 15 administrator for a county that a person's residency is in
- 16 another county shall be sent to the auditor of the county of
- 17 residence. The certification shall be accompanied by a copy
- 18 of the evidence supporting the determination. The auditor
- 19 of the county of residence shall submit the certification to
- 20 the board of supervisors of the auditor's county and it shall
- 21 be conclusively presumed that the patient has residency in
- 22 that county unless that county disputes the determination of
- 23 residency as provided in section 331.394.
- 24 Sec. 18. Section 222.64, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 25 follows:
- 26 222.64 Foreign state or country or unknown residency.
- 27 If the residency of the person is determined by a regional
- 28 administrator on behalf of a county or by the state to be in
- 29 a foreign state or country or is determined to be unknown,
- 30 the county regional administrator or the state shall certify
- 31 the determination to the administrator. The certification
- 32 shall be accompanied by a copy of the evidence supporting the
- 33 determination. The care of the person shall be as arranged
- 34 by the county regional administrator or the state or by an
- 35 order as the court may enter. Application for admission or

- 1 order of commitment may be made pending investigation by the
- 2 administrator.
- 3 Sec. 19. Section 222.73, subsection 2, paragraph a,
- 4 subparagraph (6), Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 5 (6) A county shall not be billed for the cost of a patient
- 6 unless the patient's admission is authorized through the
- 7 applicable central point of coordination process regional
- 8 administrator. The state resource center and the county
- 9 regional administrator shall work together to locate
- 10 appropriate alternative placements and services, and to educate
- 11 patients and the family members of patients regarding such
- 12 alternatives.
- 13 Sec. 20. Section 222.73, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code
- 14 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 15 b. The per diem costs billed to each county shall not exceed
- 16 the per diem costs billed to the county in the fiscal year
- 17 beginning July 1, 1996. However, the per diem costs billed
- 18 to a county may be adjusted in for a fiscal year to reflect
- 19 increased costs to the extent of the percentage increase in the
- 20 total of county fixed budgets pursuant to the allowed growth
- 21 factor adjustment authorized statewide per capita expenditure
- 22 target amount, if any per capita growth amount is authorized by
- 23 the general assembly for that fiscal year in accordance with
- 24 section 331.439 331.424A.
- Sec. 21. Section 222.74, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 26 follows:
- 27 222.74 Duplicate to county.
- 28 When certifying to the department amounts to be charged
- 29 against each county as provided in section 222.73, the
- 30 superintendent shall send to the county auditor of and the
- 31 regional administrator for each county against which the
- 32 superintendent has so certified any amount, a duplicate of
- 33 the certification statement. The county auditor upon receipt
- 34 of the duplicate certification statement and approval by the
- 35 regional administrator for payment of the certified amount

- 1 shall enter it to the credit of the state in the ledger of
- 2 state accounts, and shall immediately issue a notice to the
- 3 county treasurer authorizing the treasurer to transfer the
- 4 amount from the county fund to the general state revenue. The
- 5 county treasurer shall file the notice as authority for making
- 6 the transfer and shall include the amount transferred in the
- 7 next remittance of state taxes to the treasurer of state,
- 8 designating the fund to which the amount belongs.
- 9 Sec. 22. Section 222.92, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
- 10 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 11 a. Moneys received by the state from billings to counties
- 12 and regional administrators for the counties.
- 13 Sec. 23. Section 225.1, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 14 follows:
- 15 225.1 Establishment definitions.
- 16 l. There shall be established a The state psychiatric
- 17 hospital, is established. The hospital shall be especially
- 18 designed, kept, and administered for the care, observation,
- 19 and treatment of those persons who are afflicted with abnormal
- 20 mental conditions.
- 21 2. For the purposes of this chapter, unless the context
- 22 otherwise requires:
- 23 a. "Mental health and disability services region" means
- 24 a mental health and disability services region approved in
- 25 accordance with section 331.389.
- 26 b. "Regional administrator" means the administrator of a
- 27 mental health and disability services region, as defined in
- 28 section 331.388.
- 29 Sec. 24. Section 225.10, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2014,
- 30 is amended to read as follows:
- 31 Persons suffering from mental diseases may be admitted to
- 32 the state psychiatric hospital as voluntary public patients
- 33 if a physician authorized to practice medicine or osteopathic
- 34 medicine in the state of Iowa files information with the board
- 35 of supervisors regional administrator of the person's county

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- 1 of residence or the board's designee, stating all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 Sec. 25. Section 225.11, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 4 follows:
- 5 225.11 Initiating commitment procedures.
- 6 When a court finds upon completion of a hearing held pursuant
- 7 to section 229.12 that the contention that a respondent is
- 8 seriously mentally impaired has been sustained by clear and
- 9 convincing evidence, and the application filed under section
- 10 229.6 also contends or the court otherwise concludes that it
- 11 would be appropriate to refer the respondent to the state
- 12 psychiatric hospital for a complete psychiatric evaluation and
- 13 appropriate treatment pursuant to section 229.13, the judge
- 14 may order that a financial investigation be made in the manner
- 15 prescribed by section 225.13. If the costs of a respondent's
- 16 evaluation or treatment are payable in whole or in part by
- 17 a county, an order under this section shall be for referral
- 18 of the respondent through the central point of coordination
- 19 process regional administrator for the respondent's county of
- 20 residence for an evaluation and referral of the respondent
- 21 to an appropriate placement or service, which may include
- 22 the state psychiatric hospital for additional evaluation or
- 23 treatment. For purposes of this chapter, "central point of
- 24 coordination process" means the same as defined in section
- 25 331.440.
- Sec. 26. Section 225.12, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 27 follows:
- 28 225.12 Voluntary public patient physician's report.
- 29 A physician filing information under section 225.10 shall
- 30 include a written report to the county board of supervisors
- 31 or the board's designee regional administrator for the
- 32 county of residence of the person named in the information,
- 33 giving a history of the case as will be likely to aid in the
- 34 observation, treatment, and hospital care of the person named
- 35 in the information and describing the history in detail.

- 1 Sec. 27. Section 225.13, Code 2014, is amended to read as 2 follows:
- 3 225.13 Financial condition.
- 4 The county board of supervisors or the board's designee
- 5 regional administrator of the county of residence of a person
- 6 being admitted to the state psychiatric hospital is responsible
- 7 for investigating the financial condition of a person being
- 8 admitted to the state psychiatric hospital the person and of
- 9 those legally responsible for the person's support.
- Sec. 28. Section 225.15, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 11 follows:
- 12 225.15 Examination and treatment.
- 13 l. When a respondent arrives at the state psychiatric
- 14 hospital, the admitting physician shall examine the respondent
- 15 and determine whether or not, in the physician's judgment, the
- 16 respondent is a fit subject for observation, treatment, and
- 17 hospital care. If, upon examination, the physician decides
- 18 that the respondent should be admitted to the hospital, the
- 19 respondent shall be provided a proper bed in the hospital. The
- 20 physician who has charge of the respondent shall proceed with
- 21 observation, medical treatment, and hospital care as in the
- 22 physician's judgment are proper and necessary, in compliance
- 23 with sections 229.13 to 229.16. After the respondent's
- 24 admission, the observation, medical treatment, and hospital
- 25 care of the respondent may be provided by a mental health
- 26 professional, as defined in section 228.1, who is licensed as a
- 27 physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or physician
- 28 assistant.
- 29 2. A proper and competent nurse shall also be assigned to
- 30 look after and care for the respondent during observation,
- 31 treatment, and care. Observation, treatment, and hospital care
- 32 under this section which are payable in whole or in part by a
- 33 county shall only be provided as determined through the central
- 34 point of coordination process regional administrator of the
- 35 respondent's county of residence.

- 1 Sec. 29. Section 225.16, subsection 1, Code 2014, is amended 2 to read as follows:
- 3 1. If the county board of supervisors or the board's
- 4 designee regional administrator for a person's county of
- 5 residence finds from the physician's information which was
- 6 filed under the provisions of section 225.10 that it would
- 7 be appropriate for the person to be admitted to the state
- 8 psychiatric hospital, and the report of the county board of
- 9 supervisors or the board's designee regional administrator made
- 10 pursuant to section 225.13 shows that the person and those who
- 11 are legally responsible for the person are not able to pay the
- 12 expenses incurred at the hospital, or are able to pay only a
- 13 part of the expenses, the person shall be considered to be a
- 14 voluntary public patient and the board of supervisors regional
- 15 administrator shall direct that the person shall be sent to the
- 16 state psychiatric hospital at the state university of Iowa for
- 17 observation, treatment, and hospital care.
- 18 Sec. 30. Section 225.17, subsection 2, Code 2014, is amended
- 19 to read as follows:
- 20 2. When the respondent arrives at the hospital, the
- 21 respondent shall receive the same treatment as is provided for
- 22 committed public patients in section 225.15, in compliance with
- 23 sections 229.13 to 229.16. However, observation, treatment,
- 24 and hospital care under this section of a respondent whose
- 25 expenses are payable in whole or in part by a county shall
- 26 only be provided as determined through the central point of
- 27 coordination process regional administrator of the respondent's
- 28 county of residence.
- 29 Sec. 31. Section 225.18, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 30 follows:
- 31 225.18 Attendants.
- 32 The county board of supervisors or the board's designee
- 33 regional administrator may appoint a person an attendant to
- 34 accompany the committed public patient or the voluntary public
- 35 patient or the committed private patient from the place where

- 1 the patient may be to the state psychiatric hospital, or to
- 2 accompany the patient from the hospital to a place as may be
- 3 designated by the county regional administrator. If a patient
- 4 is moved pursuant to this section, at least one attendant shall
- 5 be of the same gender as the patient.
- 6 Sec. 32. Section 225.19, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 7 follows:
- 8 225.19 Compensation for attendant.
- 9 An individual appointed by the county board of supervisors
- 10 or the board's designee regional administrator in accordance
- 11 with section 225.18 to accompany a person to or from the
- 12 hospital or to make an investigation and report on any question
- 13 involved in the matter shall receive three dollars per day for
- 14 the time actually spent in making the investigation and actual
- 15 necessary expenses incurred in making the investigation or
- 16 trip. This section does not apply to an appointee who receives
- 17 fixed compensation or a salary.
- 18 Sec. 33. Section 225.21, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 19 follows:
- 20 225.21 Compensation claims filing approval.
- 21 The person making claim to compensation under section 225.19
- 22 shall file the claim in the office of the county auditor.
- 23 The claim is subject to review and approval by the board of
- 24 supervisors or the board's designee regional administrator for
- 25 the county.
- Sec. 34. Section 225.24, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 27 follows:
- 28 225.24 Collection of preliminary expense.
- 29 Unless a committed private patient or those legally
- 30 responsible for the patient's support offer to settle the
- 31 amount of the claims, the county auditor of the person's county
- 32 of residence shall collect, by action if necessary, the amount
- 33 of all claims for per diem and expenses that have been approved
- 34 by the county board of supervisors or the board's designee
- 35 regional administrator for the county and paid by the county

- 1 as provided under section 225.21. Any amount collected shall
- 2 be credited to the county treasury county's mental health and
- 3 disabilities services fund created in accordance with section
- 4 331.424A.
- 5 Sec. 35. Section 225.27, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 6 follows:
- 7 225.27 Discharge transfer.
- 8 The state psychiatric hospital may, at any time, discharge
- 9 any patient as recovered, as improved, or as not likely to
- 10 be benefited by further treatment. If the patient being so
- 11 discharged was involuntarily hospitalized, the hospital shall
- 12 notify the committing judge or court of the discharge as
- 13 required by section 229.14 or section 229.16, whichever is
- 14 applicable, and the applicable regional administrator. Upon
- 15 receiving the notification, the court shall issue an order
- 16 confirming the patient's discharge from the hospital or from
- 17 care and custody, as the case may be, and shall terminate the
- 18 proceedings pursuant to which the order was issued. The court
- 19 or judge shall, if necessary, appoint a person to accompany the
- 20 discharged patient from the state psychiatric hospital to such
- 21 place as the hospital or the court may designate, or authorize
- 22 the hospital to appoint such attendant.
- 23 Sec. 36. Section 225C.2, subsection 2, Code 2014, is amended
- 24 by striking the subsection.
- 25 Sec. 37. Section 225C.5, subsection 1, paragraph f, Code
- 26 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 27 f. Two members shall be staff members of regional
- 28 administrators of the central point of coordination process
- 29 established in accordance with section 331.440 selected from
- 30 nominees submitted by the community services affiliate of the
- 31 Iowa state association of counties.
- 32 Sec. 38. Section 225C.6, subsection 1, paragraph i,
- 33 subparagraph (1), Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 34 (1) The extent to which services to persons with
- 35 disabilities are actually available to persons in each county

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- 1 and mental health and disability services region in the state
- 2 and the quality of those services.
- 3 Sec. 39. Section 225C.6, subsection 1, paragraph m, Code
- 4 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 5 m. Identify disability services outcomes and indicators to
- 6 support the ability of eligible persons with a disability to
- 7 live, learn, work, and recreate in communities of the persons'
- 8 choice. The identification duty includes but is not limited to
- 9 responsibility for identifying, collecting, and analyzing data
- 10 as necessary to issue reports on outcomes and indicators at the
- 11 county, region, and state levels.
- 12 Sec. 40. Section 225C.12, subsection 2, Code 2014, is
- 13 amended to read as follows:
- 2. A county may claim reimbursement by filing with the
- 15 administrator a claim in a form prescribed by the administrator
- 16 by rule. Claims may be filed on a quarterly basis, and when
- 17 received shall be verified as soon as reasonably possible by
- 18 the administrator. The administrator shall certify to the
- 19 director of the department of administrative services the
- 20 amount to which each county claiming reimbursement is entitled,
- 21 and the director of the department of administrative services
- 22 shall issue warrants to the respective counties drawn upon
- 23 funds appropriated by the general assembly for the purpose
- 24 of this section. A county shall place funds credit amounts
- 25 received under this section in the county mental health,
- 26 intellectual disability, and developmental disabilities
- 27 services fund created under section 331.424A county's mental
- 28 health and disability services fund. If the appropriation for
- 29 a fiscal year is insufficient to pay all claims arising under
- 30 this section, the director of the department of administrative
- 31 services shall prorate the funds appropriated for that year
- 32 among the claimant counties so that an equal proportion of each
- 33 county's claim is paid in each quarter for which proration is
- 34 necessary.
- 35 Sec. 41. Section 225C.13, subsection 1, Code 2014, is

- 1 amended to read as follows:
- 2 l. The administrator assigned, in accordance with section
- 3 218.1, to control the state mental health institutes and
- 4 the state resource centers may enter into agreements under
- 5 which a facility or portion of a facility administered by the
- 6 administrator is leased to a department or division of state
- 7 government, a county or group of counties, a mental health and
- 8 disability services region, or a private nonprofit corporation
- 9 organized under chapter 504. A lease executed under this
- 10 section shall require that the lessee use the leased premises
- 11 to deliver either disability services or other services
- 12 normally delivered by the lessee.
- Sec. 42. Section 225C.14, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 14 follows:
- 15 225C.14 Preliminary diagnostic evaluation.
- 16 l. Except in cases of medical emergency, a person shall be
- 17 admitted to a state mental health institute as an inpatient
- 18 only after a preliminary diagnostic evaluation performed
- 19 through the central point of coordination process regional
- 20 administrator of the person's county of residence has confirmed
- 21 that the admission is appropriate to the person's mental health
- 22 needs, and that no suitable alternative method of providing the
- 23 needed services in a less restrictive setting or in or nearer
- 24 to the person's home community is currently available. If
- 25 provided for through the central point of coordination process
- 26 regional administrator, the evaluation may be performed by a
- 27 community mental health center or by an alternative diagnostic
- 28 facility. The policy established by this section shall be
- 29 implemented in the manner and to the extent prescribed by
- 30 sections 225C.15, 225C.16 and 225C.17.
- 31 2. As used in this section and sections 225C.15, 225C.16
- 32 and 225C.17, the term "medical emergency" means a situation
- 33 in which a prospective patient is received at a state mental
- 34 health institute in a condition which, in the opinion of the
- 35 chief medical officer, or that officer's physician designee,

- 1 requires the immediate admission of the person notwithstanding
- 2 the policy stated in subsection 1.
- 3 Sec. 43. Section 225C.15, Code 2014, is amended to read as 4 follows:
- 5 225C.15 County implementation of evaluations.
- 6 The board of supervisors of regional administrator for a
- 7 county shall, no later than July 1, 1982, require that the
- 8 policy stated in section 225C.14 be followed with respect
- 9 to admission of persons from that county to a state mental
- 10 health institute. A community mental health center which is
- 11 supported, directly or in affiliation with other counties, by
- 12 that county may perform the preliminary diagnostic evaluations
- 13 for that county, unless the performance of the evaluations
- 14 is not covered by the agreement entered into by the county
- 15 regional administrator and the center, and the center's
- 16 director certifies to the board of supervisors regional
- 17 administrator that the center does not have the capacity to
- 18 perform the evaluations, in which case the board of supervisors
- 19 regional administrator shall proceed under section 225C.17.
- 20 Sec. 44. Section 225C.16, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 21 follows:
- 22 225C.16 Referrals for evaluation.
- 23 l. The chief medical officer of a state mental health
- 24 institute, or that officer's physician designee, shall advise
- 25 a person residing in that county who applies for voluntary
- 26 admission, or a person applying for the voluntary admission
- 27 of another person who resides in that county, in accordance
- 28 with section 229.41, that the board of supervisors regional
- 29 administrator for the county has implemented the policy
- 30 stated in section 225C.14, and shall advise that a preliminary
- 31 diagnostic evaluation of the prospective patient be sought,
- 32 if that has not already been done. This subsection does not
- 33 apply when voluntary admission is sought in accordance with
- 34 section 229.41 under circumstances which, in the opinion of the
- 35 chief medical officer or that officer's physician designee,

- 1 constitute a medical emergency.
- The clerk of the district court in that county shall
- 3 refer a person applying for authorization for voluntary
- 4 admission, or for authorization for voluntary admission of
- 5 another person, in accordance with section 229.42, to the
- 6 appropriate entity designated through the central point of
- 7 coordination process regional administrator of the person's
- 8 county of residence under section 225C.14 for the preliminary
- 9 diagnostic evaluation unless the applicant furnishes a written
- 10 statement from the appropriate entity which indicates that the
- 11 evaluation has been performed and that the person's admission
- 12 to a state mental health institute is appropriate. This
- 13 subsection does not apply when authorization for voluntary
- 14 admission is sought under circumstances which, in the opinion
- 15 of the chief medical officer or that officer's physician
- 16 designee, constitute a medical emergency.
- 3. Judges of the district court in that county or the
- 18 judicial hospitalization referee appointed for that county
- 19 shall so far as possible arrange for the entity designated
- 20 through the central point of coordination process regional
- 21 administrator under section 225C.14 to perform a prehearing
- 22 examination of a respondent required under section 229.8,
- 23 subsection 3, paragraph "b".
- 24 4. The chief medical officer of a state mental health
- 25 institute shall promptly submit to the appropriate entity
- 26 designated through the central point of coordination process
- 27 regional administrator under section 225C.14 a report of the
- 28 voluntary admission of a patient under the medical emergency
- 29 clauses provisions of subsections 1 and 2. The report shall
- 30 explain the nature of the emergency which necessitated the
- 31 admission of the patient without a preliminary diagnostic
- 32 evaluation by the designated entity.
- 33 Sec. 45. Section 225C.17, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 34 follows:
- 35 225C.17 Alternative diagnostic facility.

- 1 If a county is not served by a community mental health
- 2 center having the capacity to perform the required preliminary
- 3 diagnostic evaluations, the board of supervisors regional
- 4 administrator for the county shall arrange for the evaluations
- 5 to be performed by an alternative diagnostic facility for
- 6 the period until the county is served by a community mental
- 7 health center with the capacity to provide that service. An
- 8 alternative diagnostic facility may be the outpatient service
- 9 of a state mental health institute or any other mental health
- 10 facility or service able to furnish the requisite professional
- 11 skills to properly perform a preliminary diagnostic evaluation
- 12 of a person whose admission to a state mental health institute
- 13 is being sought or considered on either a voluntary or an
- 14 involuntary basis.
- 15 Sec. 46. Section 225C.19, subsection 3, paragraphs a, b, and
- 16 c, Code 2014, are amended to read as follows:
- 17 a. Standards for accrediting or approving emergency mental
- 18 health crisis services providers. Such providers may include
- 19 but are not limited to a community mental health center, a
- 20 provider approved in a waiver adopted by the commission to
- 21 provide services to a county in lieu of a community mental
- 22 health center, a unit of the department or other state
- 23 agency, a county, a mental health and disability services
- 24 region, or any other public or private provider who meets the
- 25 accreditation or approval standards for an emergency mental
- 26 health crisis services provider.
- 27 b. Identification by the division of geographic regions,
- 28 groupings of mental health and disability services regions,
- 29 service areas, or other means of distributing and organizing
- 30 the emergency mental health crisis services system to ensure
- 31 statewide availability of the services.
- c. Coordination of emergency mental health crisis services
- 33 with all of the following:
- 34 (1) The district and juvenile courts.
- 35 (2) Law enforcement.

- 1 (3) Judicial district departments of correctional services.
- 2 (4) County central point of coordination processes Mental 3 health and disability services regions.
- 4 (5) Other mental health, substance abuse, and co-occurring
- 5 mental illness and substance abuse services available through
- 6 the state and counties to serve both children and adults.
- 7 Sec. 47. Section 225C.20, Code 2014, is amended to read as 8 follows:
- 9 225C.20 Responsibilities of counties for individual case 10 management services.
- 11 Individual case management services funded under medical
- 12 assistance shall be provided by the department except when a
- 13 county or a consortium of counties regional administrator for a
- 14 county contracts with the department to provide the services.
- 15 A county or consortium of counties regional administrator
- 16 may contract for one or more counties of the region to be
- 17 the provider at any time and the department shall agree to
- 18 the contract so long as the contract meets the standards for
- 19 case management adopted by the department. The county or
- 20 consortium of counties regional administrator may subcontract
- 21 for the provision of case management services so long as the
- 22 subcontract meets the same standards. A county board of
- 23 supervisors regional administrator may change the provider
- 24 of individual case management services at any time. If the
- 25 current or proposed contract is with the department, the county
- 26 board of supervisors regional administrator shall provide
- 27 written notification of a change at least ninety days before
- 28 the date the change will take effect.
- 29 Sec. 48. Section 225C.54, subsection 1, Code 2014, is
- 30 amended to read as follows:
- 31 1. The mental health services system for children and youth
- 32 shall be initially implemented by the division commencing with
- 33 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008. The division shall
- 34 begin implementation by utilizing a competitive bidding process
- 35 to allocate state block grants to develop services through

- 1 existing community mental health centers, providers approved
- 2 in a waiver adopted by the commission to provide services to a
- 3 county in lieu of a community mental health center, and other
- 4 local service partners. The implementation shall be limited to
- 5 the extent of the appropriations provided for the children's
- 6 system.
- 7 Sec. 49. Section 226.1, Code 2014, is amended by adding the
- 8 following new subsection:
- 9 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. For the purposes of this chapter unless
- 10 the context otherwise requires:
- 11 a. "Administrator" means the person assigned by the
- 12 director of human services to control the state mental health
- 13 institutes.
- 14 b. "Department" means the department of human services.
- 15 c. "Mental health and disability services region" means
- 16 a mental health and disability services region formed in
- 17 accordance with section 331.389.
- 18 d. "Regional administrator" means the regional administrator
- 19 of a mental health and disabilities services region, as defined
- 20 in section 331.388.
- 21 Sec. 50. Section 226.9C, subsection 2, paragraphs a and c,
- 22 Code 2014, are amended to read as follows:
- 23 a. A county may split the charges between the county's
- 24 county mental health, intellectual disability, and
- 25 developmental and disabilities services fund created pursuant
- 26 to section 331.424A and the county's budget for substance abuse
- 27 expenditures.
- 28 c. (1) Prior to an individual's admission for dual
- 29 diagnosis treatment, the individual shall have been
- 30 prescreened. The person performing the prescreening shall
- 31 be either the mental health professional, as defined in
- 32 section 228.1, who is contracting with the county central
- 33 point of coordination process regional administrator for the
- 34 county's mental health and disability services region to
- 35 provide the prescreening or a mental health professional with

- 1 the requisite qualifications. A mental health professional
- 2 with the requisite qualifications shall meet all of the
- 3 following qualifications: is a mental health professional as
- 4 defined in section 228.1, is an alcohol and drug counselor
- 5 certified by the nongovernmental Iowa board of substance abuse
- 6 certification, and is employed by or providing services for a
- 7 facility, as defined in section 125.2.
- 8 (2) Prior to an individual's admission for dual diagnosis
- 9 treatment, the individual shall have been screened through a
- 10 county's central point of coordination process implemented
- 11 pursuant to section 331.440 regional administrator to determine
- 12 the appropriateness of the treatment.
- Sec. 51. Section 226.32, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 14 follows:
- 15 226.32 Overcrowded conditions.
- 16 The administrator shall order the discharge or removal
- 17 from the hospital of incurable and harmless patients whenever
- 18 it is necessary to make room for recent cases. If a patient
- 19 who is to be so discharged entered the hospital voluntarily,
- 20 the administrator shall notify the auditor of regional
- 21 administrator for the county interested at least ten days in
- 22 advance of the day of actual discharge.
- 23 Sec. 52. Section 226.34, subsection 2, Code 2014, is amended
- 24 to read as follows:
- 25 2. If a patient in a mental health institute dies from any
- 26 cause, the superintendent of the institute shall within three
- 27 days of the date of death, send by certified mail a written
- 28 notice of death to all of the following:
- 29 a. The decedent's nearest relative.
- 30 b. The clerk of the district court of the county from which
- 31 the patient was committed.
- 32 c. The sheriff of the county from which the patient was
- 33 committed.
- 34 d. The regional administrator for the county from which the
- 35 patient was committed.

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- 1 Sec. 53. Section 227.1, Code 2014, is amended to read as 2 follows:
- 3 227.1 Supervision Definitions supervision.
- 1. For the purposes of this chapter, unless the context
- 5 otherwise requires:
- 6 a. "Administrator" means the person assigned by the director
- 7 of human services in the appropriate division of the department
- 8 to administer mental health and disability services.
- 9 b. "Department" means the department of human services.
- 10 c. "Mental health and disability services region" means
- ll a mental health and disability services region formed in
- 12 accordance with section 331.389.
- 13 d. "Regional administrator" means the regional administrator
- 14 of a mental health and disabilities services region, as defined
- 15 in section 331.388.
- 16 2. All The regulatory requirements for county and private
- 17 institutions wherein where persons with mental illness or an
- 18 intellectual disability are kept admitted, committed, or placed
- 19 shall be under the supervision of the administrator.
- Sec. 54. Section 227.2, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
- 21 1, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 22 The director of inspections and appeals shall make, or cause
- 23 to be made, at least one licensure inspection each year of
- 24 every county care facility. Either the administrator of the
- 25 division or the director of the department of inspections and
- 26 appeals, in cooperation with each other, upon receipt of a
- 27 complaint or for good cause, may make, or cause to be made,
- 28 a review of a county care facility or of any other private
- 29 or county institution where persons with mental illness or
- 30 an intellectual disability reside. A licensure inspection
- 31 or a review shall be made by a competent and disinterested
- 32 person who is acquainted with and interested in the care of
- 33 persons with mental illness and persons with an intellectual
- 34 disability. The objective of a licensure inspection or a
- 35 review shall be an evaluation of the programming and treatment

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- 1 provided by the facility. After each licensure inspection of a
- 2 county care facility, the person who made the inspection shall
- 3 consult with the county authorities regional administrator
- 4 for the county in which the facility is located on plans and
- 5 practices that will improve the care given patients and. The
- 6 person shall also make recommendations to the administrator of
- 7 the division and the director of public health for coordinating
- 8 and improving the relationships between the administrators of
- 9 county care facilities, the administrator of the division,
- 10 the director of public health, the superintendents of state
- 11 mental health institutes and resource centers, community
- 12 mental health centers, mental health and disability services
- 13 regions, and other cooperating agencies, to cause improved
- 14 and more satisfactory care of patients. A written report of
- 15 each licensure inspection of a county care facility under this
- 16 section shall be filed by the person with the administrator
- 17 of the division and the director of public health and shall
- 18 include:
- 19 Sec. 55. Section 227.2, subsection 1, paragraph f, Code
- 20 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 21 f. The recommendations given to and received from county
- 22 authorities the regional administrator on methods and practices
- 23 that will improve the conditions under which the county care
- 24 facility is operated.
- Sec. 56. Section 227.2, subsection 2, Code 2014, is amended
- 26 to read as follows:
- 27 2. A copy of the written report prescribed by subsection
- 28 1 shall be furnished to the county board of supervisors,
- 29 to the county mental health and intellectual disability
- 30 coordinating board or to its advisory board if the county board
- 31 of supervisors constitutes ex officio the coordinating board
- 32 regional administrator for the county, to the administrator
- 33 of the county care facility inspected and to its certified
- 34 volunteer long-term care ombudsman, and to the department on
- 35 aging.

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- 1 Sec. 57. Section 227.4, Code 2014, is amended to read as 2 follows:
- 227.4 Standards for care of persons with mental illness or an 4 intellectual disability in county care facilities.
- 5 The administrator, in cooperation with the department of
- 6 inspections and appeals, shall recommend and the mental health
- 7 and disability services commission created in section 225C.5
- 8 shall adopt, or amend and adopt, standards for the care of and
- 9 services to persons with mental illness or an intellectual
- 10 disability residing in county care facilities. The standards
- 11 shall be enforced by the department of inspections and appeals
- 12 as a part of the licensure inspection conducted pursuant to
- 13 chapter 135C. The objective of the standards is to ensure
- 14 that persons with mental illness or an intellectual disability
- 15 who are residents of county care facilities are not only
- 16 adequately fed, clothed, and housed, but are also offered
- 17 reasonable opportunities for productive work and recreational
- 18 activities suited to their physical and mental abilities and
- 19 offering both a constructive outlet for their energies and, if
- 20 possible, therapeutic benefit. When recommending standards
- 21 under this section, the administrator shall designate an
- 22 advisory committee representing administrators of county care
- 23 facilities, county mental health and developmental disabilities
- 24 regional planning councils regional administrators, mental
- 25 health and disabilities services region governing boards,
- 26 and county care facility certified volunteer long-term care
- 27 ombudsmen to assist in the establishment of standards.
- 28 Sec. 58. Section 227.10, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 29 follows:
- 30 227.10 Transfers from county or private institutions.
- 31 Patients who have been admitted at public expense to
- 32 any institution to which this chapter is applicable may be
- 33 involuntarily transferred to the proper state hospital for
- 34 persons with mental illness in the manner prescribed by
- 35 sections 229.6 to 229.13. The application required by section

- 1 229.6 may be filed by the administrator of the division or
- 2 the administrator's designee, or by the administrator of the
- 3 institution where the patient is then being maintained or
- 4 treated. If the patient was admitted to that institution
- 5 involuntarily, the administrator of the division may arrange
- 6 and complete the transfer, and shall report it as required of
- 7 a chief medical officer under section 229.15, subsection 5.
- 8 The transfer shall be made at county expense, and the expense
- 9 recovered, as provided in section 227.7. However, transfer
- 10 under this section of a patient whose expenses are payable in
- 11 whole or in part by a county is subject to an authorization for
- 12 the transfer through the central point of coordination process
- 13 regional administrator for the patient's county of residence.
- Sec. 59. Section 227.11, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 15 follows:
- 16 227.11 Transfers from state hospitals.
- 17 A regional administrator for the county chargeable with
- 18 the expense of a patient in a state hospital for persons with
- 19 mental illness shall transfer the patient to a county or
- 20 private institution for persons with mental illness that is in
- 21 compliance with the applicable rules when the administrator
- 22 of the division or the administrator's designee orders the
- 23 transfer on a finding that the patient is suffering from
- 24 chronic mental illness or from senility and will receive equal
- 25 benefit by being so transferred. A county shall transfer to
- 26 its county care facility any patient in a state hospital for
- 27 persons with mental illness upon request of the superintendent
- 28 of the state hospital in which the patient is confined
- 29 pursuant to the superintendent's authority under section
- 30 229.15, subsection 5, and approval by the board of supervisors
- 31 of regional administrator for the county of the patient's
- 32 residence. In no case shall a patient be thus transferred
- 33 except upon compliance with section 229.14A or without the
- 34 written consent of a relative, friend, or guardian if such
- 35 relative, friend, or guardian pays the expense of the care of

- 1 such patient in a state hospital. Patients transferred to a
- 2 public or private facility under this section may subsequently
- 3 be placed on convalescent or limited leave or transferred to
- 4 a different facility for continued full-time custody, care,
- 5 and treatment when, in the opinion of the attending physician
- 6 or the chief medical officer of the hospital from which the
- 7 patient was so transferred, the best interest of the patient
- 8 would be served by such leave or transfer. For any patient
- 9 who is involuntarily committed, any transfer made under this
- 10 section is subject to the placement hearing requirements of
- 11 section 229.14A.
- 12 Sec. 60. Section 227.12, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 13 follows:
- 14 227.12 Difference of opinion.
- 15 When a difference of opinion exists between the
- 16 administrator of the division and the authorities in charge
- 17 of any private or county hospital in regard to the removal
- 18 transfer of a patient or patients as herein provided in
- 19 sections 227.10 and 227.11, the matter shall be submitted to
- 20 the district court of the county in which such hospital is
- 21 situated and shall be summarily tried as an equitable action,
- 22 and the judgment of the district court shall be final.
- 23 Sec. 61. Section 227.14, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 24 follows:
- 25 227.14 Caring for persons with mental illness from other
- 26 counties.
- 27 Boards of supervisors of counties having no The regional
- 28 administrator for a county that does not have proper facilities
- 29 for caring for persons with mental illness may, with the
- 30 consent of the administrator of the division, provide for such
- 31 care at the expense of the county in any convenient and proper
- 32 county or private institution for persons with mental illness
- 33 which is willing to receive them the persons.
- 34 Sec. 62. Section 229.1, subsection 3, Code 2014, is amended
- 35 by striking the subsection.

- 1 Sec. 63. Section 229.1, Code 2014, is amended by adding the
- 2 following new subsections:
- 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 8A. "Mental health and disability services
- 4 region" means a mental health and disability services region
- 5 formed in accordance with section 331.389.
- 6 NEW SUBSECTION. 14A. "Regional administrator" means the
- 7 regional administrator of a mental health and disabilities
- 8 services region, as defined in section 331.388.
- 9 Sec. 64. Section 229.1B, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 10 follows:
- 11 229.1B Central point of coordination process Regional
- 12 administrator.
- 13 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
- 14 contrary, any person whose hospitalization expenses are
- 15 payable in whole or in part by a county shall be subject
- 16 to all administrative requirements of the central point of
- 17 coordination process regional administrator for the county.
- 18 Sec. 65. Section 229.2, subsection 1, paragraph b,
- 19 subparagraph (3), Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 20 (3) As soon as is practicable after the filing of a
- 21 petition for juvenile court approval of the admission of the
- 22 minor, the juvenile court shall determine whether the minor
- 23 has an attorney to represent the minor in the hospitalization
- 24 proceeding, and if not, the court shall assign to the minor
- 25 an attorney. If the minor is financially unable to pay for
- 26 an attorney, the attorney shall be compensated by the county
- 27 at an hourly rate to be established by the county board of
- 28 supervisors regional administrator for the county in which the
- 29 proceeding is held in substantially the same manner as provided
- 30 in section 815.7.
- 31 Sec. 66. Section 229.8, subsection 1, Code 2014, is amended
- 32 to read as follows:
- 33 1. Determine whether the respondent has an attorney
- 34 who is able and willing to represent the respondent in the
- 35 hospitalization proceeding, and if not, whether the respondent

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- 1 is financially able to employ an attorney and capable of
- 2 meaningfully assisting in selecting one. In accordance with
- 3 those determinations, the court shall if necessary allow the
- 4 respondent to select, or shall assign to the respondent, an
- 5 attorney. If the respondent is financially unable to pay an
- 6 attorney, the attorney shall be compensated by the county
- 7 at an hourly rate to be established by the county board of
- 8 supervisors regional administrator for the county in which the
- 9 proceeding is held in substantially the same manner as provided
- 10 in section 815.7.
- 11 Sec. 67. Section 229.10, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
- 12 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- a. An examination of the respondent shall be conducted by
- 14 one or more licensed physicians, as required by the court's
- 15 order, within a reasonable time. If the respondent is detained
- 16 pursuant to section 229.11, subsection 1, paragraph "b",
- 17 the examination shall be conducted within twenty-four hours.
- 18 If the respondent is detained pursuant to section 229.11,
- 19 subsection 1, paragraph "a" or "c", the examination shall
- 20 be conducted within forty-eight hours. If the respondent
- 21 so desires, the respondent shall be entitled to a separate
- 22 examination by a licensed physician of the respondent's own
- 23 choice. The reasonable cost of the examinations shall, if the
- 24 respondent lacks sufficient funds to pay the cost, be paid by
- 25 the regional administrator from county funds upon order of the
- 26 court.
- 27 Sec. 68. Section 229.11, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
- 28 1, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 29 If the applicant requests that the respondent be taken into
- 30 immediate custody and the judge, upon reviewing the application
- 31 and accompanying documentation, finds probable cause to believe
- 32 that the respondent has a serious mental impairment and is
- 33 likely to injure the respondent or other persons if allowed
- 34 to remain at liberty, the judge may enter a written order
- 35 directing that the respondent be taken into immediate custody

- 1 by the sheriff or the sheriff's deputy and be detained until
- 2 the hospitalization hearing. The hospitalization hearing shall
- 3 be held no more than five days after the date of the order,
- 4 except that if the fifth day after the date of the order is a
- 5 Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, the hearing may be held on the
- 6 next succeeding business day. If the expenses of a respondent
- 7 are payable in whole or in part by a county, for a placement
- 8 in accordance with paragraph "a", the judge shall give notice
- 9 of the placement to the central point of coordination process
- 10 regional administrator for the county in which the court is
- 11 located, and for a placement in accordance with paragraph "b"
- 12 or c, the judge shall order the placement in a hospital or
- 13 facility designated through the central point of coordination
- 14 process regional administrator. The judge may order the
- 15 respondent detained for the period of time until the hearing
- 16 is held, and no longer, in accordance with paragraph "a", if
- 17 possible, and if not then in accordance with paragraph "b",
- 18 or, only if neither of these alternatives is available, in
- 19 accordance with paragraph c. Detention may be:
- 20 Sec. 69. Section 229.13, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
- 21 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 22 a. The court shall order a respondent whose expenses are
- 23 payable in whole or in part by a county placed under the care
- 24 of an appropriate hospital or facility designated through
- 25 the central point of coordination process county's regional
- 26 administrator on an inpatient or outpatient basis.
- 27 Sec. 70. Section 229.14, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
- 28 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 29 a. For a respondent whose expenses are payable in whole
- 30 or in part by a county, placement as designated through
- 31 the central point of coordination process county's regional
- 32 administrator in the care of an appropriate hospital or
- 33 facility on an inpatient or outpatient basis, or other
- 34 appropriate treatment, or in an appropriate alternative
- 35 placement.

- Sec. 71. Section 229.14A, subsections 7 and 9, Code 2014,
- 2 are amended to read as follows:
- 3 7. If a respondent's expenses are payable in whole or in
- 4 part by a county through the central point of coordination
- 5 process county's regional administrator, notice of a placement
- 6 hearing shall be provided to the county attorney and the
- 7 county's central point of coordination process regional
- 8 administrator. At the hearing, the county may present evidence
- 9 regarding appropriate placement.
- 10 9. A placement made pursuant to an order entered under
- 11 section 229.13 or 229.14 or this section shall be considered to
- 12 be authorized through the central point of coordination process
- 13 county's regional administrator.
- 14 Sec. 72. Section 229.19, subsection 1, paragraphs a and b,
- 15 Code 2014, are amended to read as follows:
- 16 a. In each county with a population of three hundred
- 17 thousand or more inhabitants the board of supervisors county's
- 18 regional administrator shall appoint an individual who has
- 19 demonstrated by prior activities an informed concern for the
- 20 welfare and rehabilitation of persons with mental illness,
- 21 and who is not an officer or employee of the department of
- 22 human services nor of any agency or facility providing care
- 23 or treatment to persons with mental illness, to act as an
- 24 advocate representing the interests of patients involuntarily
- 25 hospitalized by the court, in any matter relating to the
- 26 patients' hospitalization or treatment under section 229.14
- 27 or 229.15. In each county with a population of under three
- 28 hundred thousand inhabitants, the chief judge of the judicial
- 29 district encompassing the county shall appoint the advocate.
- 30 b. The court or, if the advocate is appointed by the
- 31 county board of supervisors regional administrator, the board
- 32 regional administrator shall assign the advocate appointed from
- 33 a patient's county of residence to represent the interests
- 34 of the patient. If a patient has no county of residence or
- 35 the patient is a state case, the court or, if the advocate

- 1 is appointed by the county board of supervisors regional
- 2 administrator, the board regional administrator shall assign
- 3 the advocate appointed from for the county where the hospital
- 4 or facility is located to represent the interests of the
- 5 patient.
- 6 Sec. 73. Section 229.19, subsection 3, Code 2014, is amended
- 7 to read as follows:
- 8 3. The court or, if the advocate is appointed by the county
- 9 board of supervisors regional administrator, the board regional
- 10 administrator shall prescribe reasonable compensation for the
- 11 services of the advocate. The compensation shall be based
- 12 upon the reports filed by the advocate with the court. The
- 13 advocate's compensation shall be paid by the county in which
- 14 the court is located, either on order of the court or, if
- 15 the advocate is appointed by the county board of supervisors
- 16 regional administrator, on the direction of the board regional
- 17 administrator. If the advocate is appointed by the court, the
- 18 advocate is an employee of the state for purposes of chapter
- 19 669. If the advocate is appointed by the county board of
- 20 supervisors regional administrator, the advocate is an employee
- 21 of the county for purposes of chapter 670. If the patient or
- 22 the person who is legally liable for the patient's support is
- 23 not indigent, the board regional administrator shall recover
- 24 the costs of compensating the advocate from that person. If
- 25 that person has an income level as determined pursuant to
- 26 section 815.9 greater than one hundred percent but not more
- 27 than one hundred fifty percent of the poverty guidelines, at
- 28 least one hundred dollars of the advocate's compensation shall
- 29 be recovered in the manner prescribed by the county board of
- 30 supervisors regional administrator. If that person has an
- 31 income level as determined pursuant to section 815.9 greater
- 32 than one hundred fifty percent of the poverty guidelines, at
- 33 least two hundred dollars of the advocate's compensation shall
- 34 be recovered in substantially the same manner prescribed by the
- 35 county board of supervisors as provided in section 815.9.

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- 1 Sec. 74. Section 229.24, subsection 3, unnumbered paragraph
- 2 1, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 3 If all or part of the costs associated with hospitalization
- 4 of an individual under this chapter are chargeable to a county
- 5 of residence, the clerk of the district court shall provide
- 6 to the regional administrator for the county of residence and
- 7 to the regional administrator for the county in which the
- 8 hospitalization order is entered the following information
- 9 pertaining to the individual which would be confidential under
- 10 subsection 1:
- 11 Sec. 75. Section 229.42, subsection 1, Code 2014, is amended
- 12 to read as follows:
- 13 l. If a person wishing to make application for voluntary
- 14 admission to a mental hospital established by chapter 226 is
- 15 unable to pay the costs of hospitalization or those responsible
- 16 for the person are unable to pay the costs, application for
- 17 authorization of voluntary admission must be made through a
- 18 central point of coordination process regional administrator
- 19 before application for admission is made to the hospital. The
- 20 person's county of residence shall be determined through the
- 21 central point of coordination process regional administrator
- 22 and if the admission is approved through the central point
- 23 of coordination process regional administrator, the person's
- 24 admission to a mental health hospital shall be authorized as
- 25 a voluntary case. The authorization shall be issued on forms
- 26 provided by the department of human services' administrator.
- 27 The costs of the hospitalization shall be paid by the
- 28 county of residence to the department of human services and
- 29 credited to the general fund of the state, provided that the
- 30 mental health hospital rendering the services has certified
- 31 to the county auditor of the county of residence and the
- 32 regional administrator the amount chargeable to the county
- 33 and has sent a duplicate statement of the charges to the
- 34 department of human services. A county shall not be billed
- 35 for the cost of a patient unless the patient's admission is

- 1 authorized through the central point of coordination process
- 2 regional administrator. The mental health institute and the
- 3 county regional administrator shall work together to locate
- 4 appropriate alternative placements and services, and to
- 5 educate patients and family members of patients regarding such
- 6 alternatives.
- 7 Sec. 76. Section 230.1, subsection 3, Code 2014, is amended
- 8 to read as follows:
- 9 3. A county of residence is not liable for costs and
- 10 expenses associated with a person with mental illness unless
- 11 the costs and expenses are for services and other support
- 12 authorized for the person through the central point of
- 13 coordination process county's regional administrator. For
- 14 the purposes of this chapter, "central point of coordination
- 15 process" "regional administrator" means the same as defined in
- 16 section 331.440 331.388.
- 17 Sec. 77. Section 230.3, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 18 follows:
- 19 230.3 Certification of residence.
- 20 If a person's county of residence is determined by the
- 21 county's central point of coordination process regional
- 22 administrator to be in another county of this state, the county
- 23 regional administrator making the determination shall certify
- 24 the determination to the superintendent of the hospital to
- 25 which the person is admitted or committed. The certification
- 26 shall be accompanied by a copy of the evidence supporting
- 27 the determination. Upon receiving the certification, the
- 28 superintendent shall charge the expenses already incurred and
- 29 unadjusted, and all future expenses of the person, to the
- 30 county determined to be the county of residence.
- 31 Sec. 78. Section 230.20, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code
- 32 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 33 b. The per diem costs billed to each county shall not exceed
- 34 the per diem costs billed to the county in the fiscal year
- 35 beginning July 1, 1996. However, the per diem costs billed to

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- 1 a county may be adjusted annually to reflect increased costs,
- 2 to the extent of the percentage increase in the total of county
- 3 fixed budgets pursuant to the allowed growth factor adjustment
- 4 statewide per capita expenditure target amount, if any per
- 5 capita growth amount is authorized by the general assembly for
- 6 the fiscal year in accordance with section 331.439 426B.3.
- 7 Sec. 79. Section 232.2, subsection 4, paragraph f,
- 8 subparagraph (3), Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 9 (3) The transition plan shall be developed and reviewed
- 10 by the department in collaboration with a child-centered
- 11 transition team. The transition team shall be comprised of
- 12 the child's caseworker and persons selected by the child,
- 13 persons who have knowledge of services available to the child,
- 14 and any person who may reasonably be expected to be a service
- 15 provider for the child when the child becomes an adult or to
- 16 become responsible for the costs of services at that time.
- 17 If the child is reasonably likely to need or be eligible for
- 18 adult services, the transition team membership shall include
- 19 representatives from the adult services system. The adult
- 20 services system representatives may include but are not limited
- 21 to the administrator of county general relief under chapter
- 22 251 or 252 or of the central point of coordination process
- 23 implemented under section 331.440 regional administrator of
- 24 the county mental health and disabilities services region, as
- 25 defined in section 331.388. The membership of the transition
- 26 team and the meeting dates for the team shall be documented in
- 27 the transition plan.
- Sec. 80. Section 235.7, subsection 2, Code 2014, is amended
- 29 to read as follows:
- 30 2. Membership. The department may authorize the governance
- 31 boards of decategorization of child welfare and juvenile
- 32 justice funding projects established under section 232.188 to
- 33 appoint the transition committee membership and may utilize
- 34 the boundaries of decategorization projects to establish
- 35 the service areas for transition committees. The committee

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- 1 membership may include but is not limited to department of
- 2 human services staff involved with foster care, child welfare,
- 3 and adult services, juvenile court services staff, staff
- 4 involved with county general relief under chapter 251 or 252,
- 5 or of the central point of coordination process implemented
- 6 under section 331.440 a regional administrator of the county
- 7 mental health and disabilities services region, as defined
- 8 in section 331.388, in the area, school district and area
- 9 education agency staff involved with special education, and a
- 10 child's court appointed special advocate, guardian ad litem,
- ll service providers, and other persons knowledgeable about the
- 12 child.
- 13 Sec. 81. Section 235A.15, subsection 2, paragraph c,
- 14 subparagraph (9), Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 15 (9) To the administrator of an agency providing mental
- 16 health, intellectual disability, or developmental disability
- 17 services under a county management plan developed pursuant
- 18 to section 331.439 regional service system management plan
- 19 implemented in accordance with section 331.393, if the data
- 20 concerns a person employed by or being considered by the agency
- 21 for employment.
- 22 Sec. 82. Section 235B.6, subsection 2, paragraph c,
- 23 subparagraph (6), Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 24 (6) To the administrator of an agency providing mental
- 25 health, intellectual disability, or developmental disability
- 26 services under a county management plan developed pursuant
- 27 to section 331.439 regional service system management plan
- 28 implemented in accordance with section 331.393, if the
- 29 information concerns a person employed by or being considered
- 30 by the agency for employment.
- 31 Sec. 83. Section 426B.2, subsection 2, Code 2014, is amended
- 32 to read as follows:
- 33 2. As used in this chapter, and in sections 331.438 and
- 34 331.439 section 331.424A, for purposes of population-based
- 35 funding calculations, "population" means the population shown

- 1 by the latest preceding certified federal census or the
- 2 latest applicable population estimate issued by the federal
- 3 government, available as of July 1 of the fiscal year preceding
- 4 the fiscal year to which the funding calculations apply.
- 5 Sec. 84. Section 426B.5, subsection 1, Code 2014, is amended
- 6 by striking the subsection.
- 7 Sec. 85. Section 426B.5, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2014, are
- 8 amended to read as follows:
- 9 2. Risk pool.
- 10 a. For the purposes of this subsection section, unless the
- ll context otherwise requires.
- 12 (1) "Mental health and disability services region" means
- 13 a mental health and disability services region formed in
- 14 accordance with section 331.389.
- 15 (2) "Regional administrator" means the regional
- 16 administrator of a mental health and disabilities services
- 17 region, as defined in section 331.388.
- 18 (3) "services "Services fund" means a county's mental
- 19 health, intellectual disability, and developmental disabilities
- 20 services fund created in pursuant to section 331.424A.
- 21 b. A risk pool is created in the property tax relief fund.
- 22 The pool shall consist of the moneys credited to the pool by
- 23 law.
- 24 c. A risk pool board is created. The board shall consist
- 25 of two county supervisors, two county auditors, a member of
- 26 the mental health and disability services commission who is
- 27 not a member of a county board of supervisors, a member of
- 28 the county finance committee created in chapter 333A who is
- 29 not an elected official, a representative of a provider of
- 30 mental health or developmental disabilities services selected
- 31 from nominees submitted by the Iowa association of community
- 32 providers, and two central point of coordination process staff
- 33 members of regional administrators of county mental health and
- 34 disabilities services regions, all appointed by the governor,
- 35 and one member appointed by the director of human services.

1 All members appointed by the governor shall be subject to

- 2 confirmation by the senate. Members shall serve for three-year
- 3 terms. A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the
- 4 original appointment. Expenses and other costs of the risk
- 5 pool board members representing counties shall be paid by the
- 6 county of origin. Expenses and other costs of risk pool board
- 7 members who do not represent counties shall be paid from a
- 8 source determined by the governor. Staff assistance to the
- 9 board shall be provided by the department of human services and
- 10 counties. Actuarial expenses and other direct administrative
- 11 costs shall be charged to the pool.
- 12 d. A county regional administrator must apply to the risk
- 13 pool board for assistance from the risk pool on or before
- 14 October 31. The purpose of the assistance shall be to provide
- 15 financial support for services provided by one or more of the
- 16 counties comprising the regional administrator's mental health
- 17 and disability services region. The risk pool board shall
- 18 make its final decisions on or before December 15 regarding
- 19 acceptance or rejection of the applications for assistance and
- 20 the total amount accepted shall be considered obligated.
- 21 e. Basic eligibility for risk pool assistance requires that
- 22 a county meet all of the following conditions:
- 23 (1) The county is in compliance with the regional service
- 24 system management plan requirements of section 331.439 331.393.
- 25 (2) The county levied the maximum amount allowed for the
- 26 county's services fund under section 331.424A for the fiscal
- 27 year of application for risk pool assistance.
- 28 (3) In the fiscal year that commenced two years prior to
- 29 the fiscal year of application, the county's services fund
- 30 ending balance under generally accepted accounting principles
- 31 was equal to or less than twenty percent of the county's actual
- 32 gross expenditures for that fiscal year.
- 33 f. The board shall review the fiscal year-end financial
- 34 records for all counties that are granted risk pool assistance.
- 35 If the board determines a county's actual need for risk pool

- 1 assistance was less than the amount of risk pool assistance
- 2 granted to the county, the county shall refund the difference
- 3 between the amount of assistance granted and the actual need.
- 4 The county shall submit the refund within thirty days of
- 5 receiving notice from the board. Refunds shall be credited
- 6 to the risk pool. The mental health and disability services
- 7 commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A providing
- 8 criteria for the purposes of this lettered paragraph and as
- 9 necessary to implement the other provisions of this subsection.
- 10 g. The board shall determine application requirements to
- ll ensure prudent use of risk pool assistance. The board may
- 12 accept or reject an application for assistance in whole or in
- 13 part. The decision of the board is final.
- 14 h. The total amount of risk pool assistance shall be limited
- 15 to the amount available in the risk pool for a fiscal year. Any
- 16 unobligated balance in the risk pool at the close of a fiscal
- 17 year shall remain in the risk pool for distribution in the
- 18 succeeding fiscal year.
- 19 i. Risk pool assistance shall only be made available to
- 20 address one or more of the following circumstances:
- 21 (1) Continuing support for mandated services.
- 22 (2) Avoiding the need for reduction or elimination of
- 23 critical services when the reduction or elimination places
- 24 consumers' health or safety at risk.
- 25 (3) Avoiding the need for reduction or elimination of a
- 26 mobile crisis team or other critical emergency services when
- 27 the reduction or elimination places the public's health or
- 28 safety at risk.
- 29 (4) Avoiding the need for reduction or elimination of
- 30 the services or other support provided to entire disability
- 31 populations.
- 32 (5) Avoiding the need for reduction or elimination of
- 33 services or other support that maintain consumers in a
- 34 community setting, creating a risk that the consumers would be
- 35 placed in more restrictive, higher cost settings.

- 1 j. Subject to the amount available and obligated from the
- 2 risk pool for a fiscal year, the department of human services
- 3 shall annually calculate the amount of moneys due to eligible
- 4 counties in accordance with the board's decisions and that
- 5 amount is appropriated from the risk pool to the department
- 6 for payment of the moneys due. The department shall authorize
- 7 the issuance of warrants payable to the county treasurer for
- 8 the amounts due and the warrants shall be issued on or before
- 9 January 1.
- 10 k. On or before March 1 and September 1 of each fiscal year,
- 11 the department of human services shall provide the risk pool
- 12 board with a report of the financial condition of each funding
- 13 source administered by the board. The report shall include
- 14 but is not limited to an itemization of the funding source's
- 15 balances, types and amount of revenues credited, and payees
- 16 and payment amounts for the expenditures made from the funding
- 17 source during the reporting period.
- 18 1. If the board has made its decisions but has determined
- 19 that there are otherwise qualifying requests for risk pool
- 20 assistance that are beyond the amount available in the risk
- 21 pool fund for a fiscal year, the board shall compile a list of
- 22 such requests and the supporting information for the requests.
- 23 The list and information shall be submitted to the mental
- 24 health and disability services commission, the department of
- 25 human services, and the general assembly.
- 26 3. Incentive pool.
- 27 a. An incentive pool is created in the property tax relief
- 28 fund. The incentive pool shall consist of the moneys credited
- 29 to the incentive pool by law.
- 30 b. Moneys available in the incentive pool for a fiscal
- 31 year shall be distributed to those counties mental health and
- 32 disability services regions that either meet or show progress
- 33 toward meeting the purposes and intent described in section
- 34 331.439, subsection 1, paragraph "c" 225C.1. The moneys
- 35 received by a county region from the incentive pool shall be

- 1 used to build community capacity to support individuals covered
- 2 by the county's region's regional service system management
- 3 plan approved under section 331.439 331.393, in meeting such
- 4 purposes.
- 5 Sec. 86. REPEAL. Sections 225C.7, 225C.18, and 226.47, Code
- 6 2014, are repealed.
- 7 EXPLANATION
- 8 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with 9 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 10 This bill relates to the redesign of mental health and
- 11 disabilities services (MH/DS) administered by regions comprised
- 12 of counties. Under the redesign provisions initially enacted
- 13 in 2012, each organization of counties as a region is governed
- 14 by a Code chapter 28E agreement and the region is to have
- 15 an administrative office, organization, or entity formed by
- 16 agreement of the counties participating in the region to
- 17 function on behalf of those counties, known as the regional
- 18 administrator and defined in Code section 331.388. The
- 19 redesign legislation maintained the financial responsibility
- 20 for MH/DS with each county but provided for the regional
- 21 administrator and the regional governance board to assume the
- 22 administrative functions on behalf of the county. The bill
- 23 makes conforming Code amendments relating to the redesign
- 24 legislation.
- 25 In general, references throughout the Code to the central
- 26 point of coordination (CPC) process (codified in Code section
- 27 331.440, which was repealed effective July 1, 2013, by 2011
- 28 Iowa Acts, ch. 123) are changed to instead refer to regional
- 29 administrators; references to the county mental health,
- 30 intellectual disability, and developmental disabilities
- 31 services fund are changed to mental health and disabilities
- 32 services fund (codified in Code section 331.424A, amended
- 33 by 2012 Iowa Acts, ch. 1120 §132); and references to county
- 34 service management plans (codified in Code section 331.439,
- 35 repealed effective July 1, 2013, by 2011 Iowa Acts, ch.

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1 123) are changed to instead refer to regional service system
 2 management plans approved in accordance with Code section
 3 331.393. References throughout the Code to responsibilities
 4 for a county to provide or have administrative responsibility
 5 for services or other responsibilities in connection with a
 6 person in need of mental health or disability services are
 7 changed to instead refer to the regional administrator.
 8 to the redesign, MH/DS services in each county were delineated
 9 in a service management plan adopted by that county, subject
10 to approval by the department of human services (DHS).
11 individual county plans are to be replaced by a regional
12 service management plan effective beginning on July 1, 2014.
13 County MH/DS levy authority and spending authority remains
14 in Code section 331.424A. However, the name of the fund
15 was changed in the redesign legislation but references to
16 the old fund in other Code sections are corrected in the
17 bill. In addition, related Code changes are reflected in this
18 explanation.
      References to waivers for providers of mental health
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20 services approved under Code section 225C.7 to operate in lieu
21 of a community mental health center are stricken because the
22 Code section is repealed by the bill. Code chapter 230A,
23 relating to community mental health centers, was substantially
24 rewritten by 2011 Iowa Acts, ch. 121, and the revisions took
25 effect July 1, 2012. In the rewrite, Code section 230A.107,
26 codified the waiver authorization for a for-profit corporation,
27 nonprofit corporation, or county hospital providing mental
28 health services to county residents pursuant to a waiver
29 approved under section 225C.7, subsection 3, Code 2011, as
30 of October 1, 2010, to be designated as a community mental
31 health center under Code chapter 230A. The reference change is
32 applied by the bill in the following Code sections: 135.180,
33 relating to mental health professional shortage area program;
34 225C.19, relating to emergency mental health crisis services
35 system; and 225C.54, relating to the mental health services
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1 system for children and youth.

2 References to the central point of coordination process are 3 changed to instead refer to the regional administrator in the 4 following Code sections: 222.2, providing definitions for Code 5 chapter 222, relating to the state resource centers; 222.13 and 6 222.13A, relating to voluntary admissions of persons to a state 7 resource center; 222.28, relating to court appointment of a 8 commission to examine a person alleged to have an intellectual 9 disability; 222.59, relating to coordination between a state 10 resource center and county in identifying community-based 11 services for an individual; 222.60, relating to payment 12 of costs by county or state and diagnosis and evaluation 13 requirements; 222.61, relating to determination of a person's 14 residency status; 222.62, relating to the procedure when a 15 person's residency is determined to be another county; 222.63, 16 providing a procedure for a county to object to a residency 17 determination; 222.64, providing a procedure for when a 18 person's residency is determined to be outside of this state or 19 is unknown; 222.73, relating to billing of charges to counties 20 for the state resource centers; 225.11, providing a procedure 21 for commitment of a person to the state psychiatric hospital 22 at the university of Iowa; 225.12, relating to the physician's 23 report for a voluntary patient at the state psychiatric 24 hospital; 225.15, relating to examination and treatment at the 25 state psychiatric hospital; 225.17, relating to examination 26 and treatment of private patients at the state psychiatric 27 hospital when costs are paid by a county; section 225C.2, 28 providing definitions for Code chapter 225C; 225C.5, relating 29 to membership of the mental health and disability services 30 commission; section 225C.6, relating to the duties of the MH/DS 31 commission; 225C.14, relating to requirements for a preliminary 32 diagnostic evaluation before a person is admitted to a state 33 mental health institute (MHI); 225C.16, requiring referrals for 34 a preliminary diagnostic or prehearing evaluation for persons 35 desiring voluntary admission to a state MHI; 225C.19, providing

1 requirements for implementation of an emergency mental health 2 crisis services system; 226.9C, relating to the dual diagnosis 3 program at the state mental health institute at Mount Pleasant; 4 227.10, relating to transfers of patients from county or 5 private facilities for mental health treatment to a state 6 institution; 229.1, providing definitions for the involuntary 7 commitment Code chapter; 229.1B, providing that the CPC process 8 applies to persons who are involuntarily committed; 229.11, 9 relating to immediate custody of a person who is involuntarily 10 committed; 229.13, relating to evaluation orders for persons 11 who are involuntarily committed; 229.14, relating to chief 12 medical officer reports; 229.14A, relating to placement orders; 13 229.42, relating to county payment for a person voluntarily 14 admitted to an MHI; 232.2, relating to the membership of a 15 transition team for a child adjudicated as a child in need of 16 assistance; 235.7, relating to transition committees to address 17 transition needs of children receiving child welfare services 18 who are age 16 or older; and 426B.5, relating to the membership 19 of the risk pool board. 20 References to county board of supervisors or to a county 21 responsibility are changed to instead refer to the regional 22 administrator or MH/DS region, or to add such a reference in 23 the following Code sections: 222.6, relating to the catchment 24 areas for the two state resource centers; 222.12, relating to 25 investigations of deaths at a state resource center; 222.13, 26 relating to referrals for voluntary admissions of adults to 27 a state resource center; 222.13A, relating to referrals for 28 voluntary admissions of minors to a state resource center; 29 222.14, relating to care provided pending admission of a person 30 to a state resource center; 222.22, relating to compensation 31 of attorneys for commitments of persons with an intellectual 32 disability; 222.31, relating to court commitments of persons 33 with an intellectual disability and liability for charges; 34 222.74, relating to approval of state resource center charges; 35 222.92, relating to the use of net budgeting by the state

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1 resource centers; 225.1, providing definitions for the 2 state psychiatric hospital Code chapter; 225.10, relating 3 to voluntary patients at the state psychiatric hospital; 4 225.12, relating to reports concerning voluntary public 5 patients at the state psychiatric hospital; 225.13, relating 6 to investigations of the financial condition of persons being 7 admitted to the state psychiatric hospital; 225.16, relating to 8 admission of voluntary public patients to the state psychiatric 9 hospital; 225.18, relating to appointment of attendants to 10 accompany committed persons to or from the hospital; 225.19, 11 relating to compensation of attendants; 225.21, relating to 12 claims for compensation of attendants; 225.24, relating to 13 county collection of the costs of care provided at the state 14 psychiatric hospital; 225.27, requiring notice of the discharge 15 or transfer of a patient from the state psychiatric hospital; 16 225C.13, authorizing DHS to lease portions of MHIs to certain 17 public and private organizations; 225C.14, 225C.15, 225C.16, 18 and 225C.17, relating to preliminary diagnostic evaluations 19 of persons with respect to admission to an MHI, county policy 20 regarding the evaluations, referral of voluntary patients 21 for the evaluations, and the use of alternative diagnostic 22 facilities for the evaluations; 225C.20, relating to provision 23 of individual case management services under the medical 24 assistance (Medicaid) program by counties; 226.32, requiring 25 notice to a county when a voluntary patient is discharged to 26 relieve overcrowding; 226.34, requiring notice when a patient 27 at an MHI dies; 227.1, relating to supervision of county and 28 private institutions for persons with mental illness or an 29 intellectual disability (often referred to as "county care 30 facilities") is amended to provide definitions for the Code 31 chapter including DHS and the MH/DS regions; 227.2, relating 32 to state inspection of county facilities; 227.4, relating 33 to standards adoption pertaining to county care facilities; 34 227.11, relating to transfers of patients from state hospitals; 35 227.12, relating to civil trials when there is a disagreement

- 1 between DHS and the authorities in charge of a county care
- 2 facility as to transfer of patients; 227.14, relating to care
- 3 provided at a county care facility to patients from another
- 4 county; 229.2 and 229.8, relating to compensation of attorneys
- 5 for minors applying for voluntary admission to an MHI and
- 6 respondents in involuntary commitment proceedings; 229.10,
- 7 relating to the payment of examinations with county funds;
- 8 229.19, relating to mental health advocates; 229.24, relating
- 9 to confidential records in involuntary commitment proceedings;
- 10 and 426B.5, relating to the risk pool and the incentive pool
- 11 within the property tax relief fund.
- 12 References to county management plans developed pursuant to
- 13 repealed Code section 331.439 are changed to regional services
- 14 system management plans implemented in accordance with Code
- 15 section 331.393 in the following Code sections: 222.60,
- 16 relating to payment of costs at a state resource center by
- 17 county or state and diagnosis and evaluation requirements;
- 18 222.73, relating to billing of per diem costs at a state
- 19 resource center; 235A.15 and 235B.6, relating to access to
- 20 child and dependent adult abuse registry record checks for
- 21 employment by an agency providing services under a plan;
- 22 and 426B.5, relating to the risk and incentive pools of the
- 23 property tax relief fund.
- 24 References to the county mental health, intellectual
- 25 disability, and developmental disabilities services fund are
- 26 changed to mental health and disabilities services fund in
- 27 the following Code sections: 225C.12, relating to partial
- 28 reimbursement to counties for local inpatient mental health
- 29 care and treatment; 226.9C, relating to splitting of costs
- 30 for charges at the dual diagnosis program at the state mental
- 31 health institute at Mount Pleasant; and 426B.5, relating to the
- 32 risk and incentive pools of the property tax relief fund.
- 33 Current law in Code sections 222.73 and 230.20, limits an
- 34 increase in the per diem changed to a county for services
- 35 provided at a state resource center or a state mental health

- 1 institute to the percentage increase in the allowed growth
- 2 factor adjustment, a funding formula provision repealed by the
- 3 redesign. The bill instead references the per capita growth
- 4 amount, which replaced the repealed allowed growth factor in
- 5 the redesign legislation.
- 6 The following Code sections are repealed: 225C.7, relating
- 7 to the MH/DS community services fund which distributed moneys
- 8 to counties until the state assumed responsibility for Medicaid
- 9 costs from counties in 2012; 225C.18, relating to mental health
- 10 and developmental disabilities regional planning councils
- 11 which were replaced by regional governing boards and advisory
- 12 committees in the redesign legislation; and 226.47, a single
- 13 definition section which is replaced in the bill by amending
- 14 Code section 226.1 to provide a multiple definition section.